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PATENT

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In re Patent Application of:

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 8, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified application as indicated in the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** which begin on page 6 of this paper.

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